

**OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:**

To add a name to the prayer list please fill out a prayer request card located on the backs of the pews OR call the church office (336-248-2617).

**OUR MEMBERS AT HOME:**

Peggy Bates, Janelle Bunn, Marzell Crotts, Ruth Essick, Margie & Vogen Everhart, Margot Everhart, Lib & Jimbo Hinkle, Carolyn Spivey, Adena Wall

**OUR MEMBERS IN CARE FACILITIES:**

Brookdale: Hoyle Potts

Lexington Health Care: Jo Hudson, Valerie Price

Piedmont Crossing: Mary Berrier, Doris Flynt, Rita Tussey

Westchester Manor: James Everhart

**OUR FRIENDS:**

\*Leonard Prevette (Bill Walser's cousin), \*Janice Tritt (Friend of Lisa Nelson), Susan Wilkerson (Carolyn Robbins' cousin), George Urwick (Eulene Shepherd's neighbor), Sarah Stapler (Friend of Janette Neal), Michael R. Owen (Bill & Carolyn Robbins' daughter), Jacob Little (Cynthia Crowell Little's son)

Names with an \* indicate newly added. Names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, unless the church office is notified.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Sunday, April 21**

**9:45AM NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**Breakfast at 9:45 {FH}**  
**EASTER EGG HUNT at 10:00 {meet in Fellowship Hall}**

**11:00AM WORSHIP {EASTER SUNDAY}**

**Monday, April 22 \*\*\*CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED\*\*\***

**6:30PM** Open Hands Ministry Meal {FH}

**Tuesday, April 23**

**10:00AM** Willing Weavers {Rm 3}  
**2:00PM** Meals on Wheels Meeting {Parlor}

**Thursday, April 25**

**12:00PM MAY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE**  
**5:30PM** Yoga {Dance Studio}  
**7:00PM** Square Dancing {FH}

**Friday, April 26**

**11-7:00PM** Open Hands Ministry  
Fish Fry Fundraiser

**Sunday, April 28 EARTH DAY**

**9:45AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
{Downstairs} **All Youth:** Earth Day Project  
**Adults:** Edgar Miller – "Environmental Justice and Creation Care"

**11:00AM WORSHIP EARTH DAY**

YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT: COOKIES FOR FIREFIGHTERS  
SILENT OFFERING: LLAMAS FOR LENT

**Anniversaries and Birthdays**

April 21-27

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**21st** Casey & Keri Hartle  
**22nd** Edgar & Kivi Miller

**BIRTHDAYS**

**22nd** Nadia Freeman  
**26th** Hense Walser  
Sylvia Walser

**THANK YOU FOR SERVING**

**LITURGIST:** Brian McKerlie **PLATE ATTENDANT:** Dave Fulton **GREETERS:** John Potts & Janette Neal  
**USHER CHAIRPERSON:** Jeff Hutchens **SOUND TECHNICIAN:** Calvin Odom **NURSERY:** Jeremy Peterson  
**USHERS:** John Gray (Captain), Linda Sink, Bonita Hooper, Bill Robbins

A wall unit changing table is located in our handicapped restroom (through left door at the chancel.)  
A comfort area with rocking chair, monitor and speaker is available if you need to leave the sanctuary to calm or soothe a baby or young child

**First Reformed  
United Church of Christ**

Where People Discover...  
The Love of God...  
The Power to Love Others...  
The Ability to Love Ourselves

**The Worship of God**

**Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of All Creation**

April 21, 2019  
11:00AM

(\*Please stand as you are able  
"BOLD" indicates congregational response

**Gathering**

Prelude  
\*Chiming of the Hour  
\*Opening Scripture  
Leader: Christ is risen!  
People: **Christ is risen indeed!**  
\*Hymn  
\*Invocation  
Welcome

"Holy City"

Luke 24: 1-5

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Elizabeth Horton  
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Brian McKerlie  
Elizabeth Horton

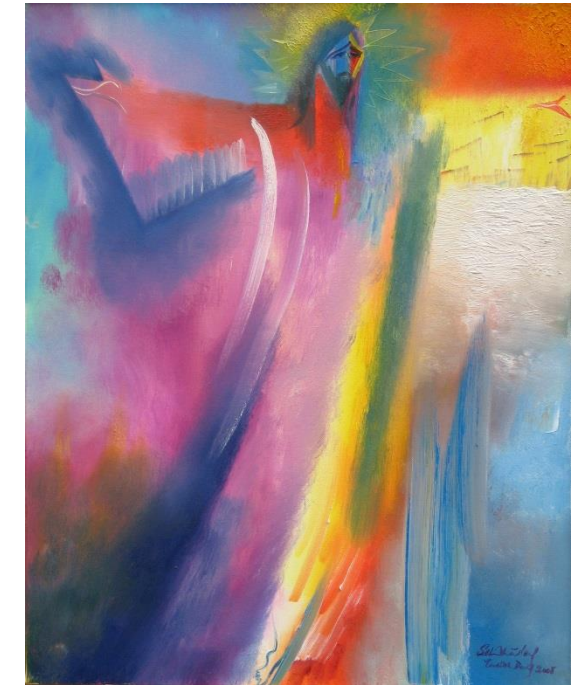
**Centering**

Resurrection Litany  
This is the day  
**when angels bring light into our shadows and gardeners harvest good news.**  
This is the day the Lord  
**awakens us with unexpected joy and drowns out despair's cries with laughter!**  
This is the day the Lord has made  
**when grace does cartwheels in graveyards, and the sun breaks out in song!**  
The day when life triumphs over death, and love pushes aside fear.  
Today the empty tomb fills us with Good News! **Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

Scripture Reading  
Psalm 118: 14-24  
(Page #554 of Pew Bible)

Prayer of Confession  
**O Living One, we confess to the world that Christ is Risen!**  
**We confess to the world that death does not have the final word!**  
**We confess to the world that hate has no hold on us.**  
**We confess to the world that hope is alive and reigns in us!**  
**We confess to the world that violence is defeated at the cross, and that life eternal is the commandment of God.**  
**We confess that Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen Indeed! Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon  
\*Passing of the Peace



\*Hymn

"Christ Arose"

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Young Disciples

(All youth, Pre K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade, are invited to join in this worship at the front.)

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Elizabeth Horton

**Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

Anthem

"Resurrection Victory"

Lloyd Larson

*He is risen! Christ is risen! Sing it out with joyful voice!  
He has burst the three days' prison, let the whole wide earth rejoice!  
Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.  
He is risen! Christ is risen! He shall reign for all eternity!*  
*He is risen! Christ is risen! Risen to a holy state!  
We are free from sins' dark prison, He has opened heaven's gate.  
Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.  
He is risen! Christ is risen! He shall reign for all eternity!*  
*Crown Him the Lord of life, Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;  
His glories now we sing, of Him who died and rose on high, on high,  
He died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die!*  
*He is risen! Christ is risen! Sing it out with joyful voice!  
He has burst the three days' prison, let the whole wide earth rejoice!  
Death is conquered, we are free. Christ has won the victory.  
He is risen! Christ is risen! He is risen! Christ is risen! Christ is risen, alleluia!*

### Proclaiming

Scripture

Luke 24: 6-12  
(Page #964 of Pew Bible)

Elizabeth Horton

Sermon

"An Idle Tale?"

### Responding

\*Hymn

"The Day of Resurrection"

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Invitation to Receive Offerings

Elizabeth Horton

Offertory

\*Offertory Response

ODE TO JOY

**Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
Jesus on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled;  
But the crucified Redeemer now is risen from the dead!**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Brian McKerlie

### Sending

\*Call to Discipleship

Brian McKerlie

Liturgist: And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send to tell of Resurrection Hope?"

People: **Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."**

\*Benediction

Elizabeth Horton

\*Choral Benediction

from "Hallelujah Chorus"

Handel

\*Postlude

You are invited to join the Intercessory Prayer Circle at the front of the sanctuary after worship.

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias  
Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

# Christ Arose!

An angel of the Lord . . . going to the tomb, rolled back the stone . . . Mt. 28:2

1. Low in the grave he lay— Je - sus my Sav - ior, wait - ing the com - ing day—  
 2. Vain - ly they watch his bed— Je - sus my Sav - ior, vain - ly they seal the dead—  
 3. Death can - not keep his prey— Je - sus my Sav - ior, he tore the bars a - way—

## Refrain

Je - sus my Lord!  
 Je - sus my Lord! Up from the grave he a - rose, with a  
 Je - sus my Lord! he a - rose,

might - y tri - umph o'er his foes; he a - rose a vic - tor from the  
 he a - rose!

dark do - main, and he lives for - ev - er with his saints to reign. He a -

rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!  
 He a - rose! He a - rose!

WORDS and MUSIC: Robert Lowry, 1874

CHRIST AROSE  
 6.5.6.5.Ref.

# The Day of Resurrection

John of Damascus, 8th century  
 Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt.

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;  
 the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
 We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,  
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain,  
 for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

A Greek canon—an extended poem of eight or nine odes, each based on a scriptural canticle—was the source of this hymn. John of Damascus gave up a high government position to enter a monastery.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.  
 Henry T. Smart, 1836

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## Easter Lilies

You may take your lilies with you as you leave the sanctuary this morning.

### In Honor of...

Gerri Hill.....	Eddie & Belinda Yates
Eugenia Holste .....	Alane Holste
Elizabeth Horton & Family.....	Lee & Ellen Bouchard
Lee Ann Peele .....	First Reformed UCC Choir
Ellen Peterson .....	First Reformed UCC Choir
Mike Price.....	Brian McKerlie
Adam & Rebecca McKerlie .....	Brian McKerlie

### Given by...

### In Honor of & In Memory of...

J.W. Bates .....	Betty Bates.....	Susan & Calvin Odom
Sylvia Walser.....	John Walser.....	Joni & Becky

### Given by...

### In Memory of... Given by...

Jake & Corky Briggs .....	Betty & Ellen Briggs
Butch & Ruby Bouchard.....	Amy & Tony Hedrick
.....	Philip & Alma Bouchard
.....	Lee & Ellen Bouchard
Dedra Jo Clark.....	Eddie & Belinda Yates
Henry & Mary Crouse .....	Henry & Kay Crouse, Emily, Clayton & Landon
Norman Essick.....	Ruth Essick
Bill Everhart .....	Heidi & Ron Hutcheson
Everette "Bud" Fritts.....	Ann & Walter Hoffman
Ruth Bailey Fritts .....	Ann & Walter Hoffman
100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday of John & Dorothy Gray.....	John & Vicky Gray
Fred & Fannie Green .....	Robert & Beverly Sandifer
Lonnie F. Grubb.....	June Grubb
John, Mabel & Jack Hancock.....	Lee & Ellen Bouchard
Rev. Harold Holste.....	Alane Holste
Kim Isenhour.....	Heidi & Ron Hutcheson
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Ray & Dorothy Shaak .....	Bob Shaak
Rev. Banks Shepherd.....	Eulene & Family
Joe & Dot Walters.....	Mary Jo & Lee Jessup

## WELCOME TO FIRST REFORMED UCC

If you are visiting with us, please fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate when passed.

Following the example of Jesus, we believe that God's love, Christ's church, and the power of the Holy Spirit are for all people. We believe our unity as one body in Christ transcends worldly differences. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

First Reformed United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation. This means we welcome into the full life and ministry of the church all people, regardless of ability, age, education, ethnicity, family or marital status, gender identity or expression, income, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, or any other distinction. At the baptismal font and at the communion table, from the nursery cribs to the church leadership, whether you were raised in a church or have never before attended one, you are welcome here.

We affirm and celebrate the diversity of God's children as a blessing. We welcome you to First Reformed United Church of Christ.

Childcare for infants through Kindergarten is offered. Hearing devices are available. Please let an usher know if you need assistance.

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*"The Glory of Christ –  
Easter Day 2008"*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**Adult Spiritual Growth Ministries**  
There will be a planning meeting on **April 30 at 6:30 in the parlor** for our Adult Spiritual Growth Ministries. Anyone interested is welcomed to attend. The results of the recent survey will be reviewed

### Lunch & Learn Bible Study "A Conversation on Race and Faith"

Collaborative Ministries will hold another **Lunch & Learn Bible Study EACH TUESDAY IN MAY** from 12:00-1:00pm in our church **Parlor**.

Each meeting will begin with lunch (**BRING YOUR OWN BAG LUNCH**) and will be led by Rev. Dr. Arnetta Beverly, Rev. Elizabeth Horton and Rev. Jim Luck. This bible study is open to anyone who would like to attend. No special preparation is required.

### Send-A Kid-to-Camp

We have several children and teens who are planning to attend Johns River Valley Camp this summer. If you would like to contribute to the fund for Send-a-Kid-to-Camp, please put a check in the offering plate and mark on the memo line "JRVCC."

### April 28<sup>th</sup> Earth Day Celebration

At 9:45 during Sunday School Edgar Miller will speak on the topic of Environmental Justice and Creation Care in areas of clean water and pollution.

### Let's Go Out to the Ball Game!

If you are interested in attending the Winston Salem Dash Game Friday evening, June 7<sup>th</sup>, please sign up either on the bulletin board in the Education Building or in the Narthex. You may also contact Cathy at [cathy@frucc.org](mailto:cathy@frucc.org). Tickets are \$13.00 each and the time will be announced later. **The deadline to sign up Sunday, May 5**

### OPEN HANDS SEMI-ANNUAL DAVID SURGEON MEMORIAL FISH FRY

**Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
11:00AM-7:00PM**

Open Hands Mercy Station  
at St. Stephen UMC

Fish, slaw, hushpuppies  
and baked potato  
**Eat in or Carry Out**

**Tickets: \$8.00**

You may purchase tickets at  
Open Hands Mercy Station at  
St. Stephen UMC or at the event

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